

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicants: Heath et al.  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This correspondence is in response to the Office Action mailed March 19, 2008. A response is due on or before September 19, 2008 with a petition for an extension of time for 3 months. Such petition is hereby requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC Deposit Account No. 09-0528, for the extension of time as well as any other fees necessary for the filing of this paper.

In addition, an RCE is being submitted concurrently herewith.

**A Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.